

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 3-12 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

(4) A hollow ceramics particles-containing composite material comprising hollow ceramics particles dispersed in a matrix which hollow ceramics particles formed by a porous shell layer comprising ceramics powders bonded to each other, wherein the aforementioned hollow ceramics particles are hollow particles obtained by sintering a precursor comprising the aforementioned ceramics powder ~~eovered by covering~~ a resin powder in such an arrangement that a part of the aforementioned ceramics powder is embedded in the resin powder.